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**SPRING LAKE TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2020 – REGULAR MEETING**

PRESENT: Harry Dyck, Jack Ketchum, Greg Latsch, Jerry Rabideau, David Rumpel, Sarah Somers
ABSENT: Russ Tiles
PARTICIPANTS: Lukas Hill, Township Community Development Director

Pursuant to PA228 of 2020, the Township of Spring Lake Planning Commission conducted its business via conference call to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. Members of the public were encouraged to dial in to this meeting. Members of the public were not required to register or otherwise provide information to attend.

A. Call to Order

Rumpel called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

B. Approval of Agenda

Ketchum made a motion, support by Latsch, to approve the agenda as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

C. Approval of Minutes

Ketchum made a motion, support by Rumpel, to adopt the Planning Commission November 18, 2020 regular meeting minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

D. Public Comments

A time for public comment was provided. No comments were offered.

E. Zoning Ordinance Text Amendment Considerations

1. Residential Accessory Structures

i. Accessory Buildings in the front yard of non-waterfront lots

ii. Waterfront Accessory Structures

Hill stated that the Board of Trustees has considered these text amendments, and will continue the discussion at their January meeting. No action is required at this time.

2. Temporary Uses

Commissioners reviewed the draft Zoning Ordinance text amendment related to temporary uses and structures. Consensus was that Hill should bring the draft to the Board of Trustees for initial review and comments.

F. Master Plan Update - Discussion

Hill and Commissioners reviewed the future land use map and discussed possible updates to the Master Plan. Hill discussed the necessity of community engagement in the update process, and possible ways to achieve broad participation.

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G. Adoption of 2021 Meeting Dates

Motion by Ketchum, support by Dyck, to approve the 2021 meeting dates as presented. A roll call vote was taken. The motion passed unanimously.

H. Commissioner Comments

1. Township Board: The Zoning Text Amendment Ordinance for Self-Storage Buildings was approved. The Corridor Improvement Authority continues to work on entrance improvements on M104. The Board approved hiring three full-time firefighters.
2. ZBA: There was a short meeting to approve meeting dates.
3. Community Development Director: No report.

Commissioners recognized Ron Lindquist on his retirement from the Board of Trustees, and thanked him for his many years of service to the Planning Commission, the Board of Trustees, and the residents of Spring Lake Township.

I. Adjournment

Rumpel moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:27pm. Ketchum seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Ketchum, Secretary Planning Commission